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The Football Smoker

Last Friday evening Commons Hall was the scene of one of the student gatherings which have made Hamilton College famous. The occasion was the annual Football Smoker and as in former years Hamilton enthusiasm was at its best. Proceedings started with light refreshments, and after the social and friendly spirit had been aroused, merriment began in earnest.

The team was seated at the training table. A huge cake was presented the football men by Floyd King of Clinton. It was made to represent a football field with the team lined up for business. Trimmed in buff and blue, it received much merited attention. As soon as the cake had been demolished, a yell for King was given, followed by one for Abbott, '10, who broke his leg in the St. Lawrence game.

A long yell brought "Prex." to his feet. He gave a talk which was to the point. It was his opinion that the College should engage more in inter-class games, though not to the exclusion of intercollegiate contests. Dr. Stryker expressed his hope and conviction that Hamilton College, if it never won an intercollegiate game, would always keep her flag of honor nailed at the masthead. He said, most emphatically, that a college president should not only be able to say that he did not know of any professionalism in the athletics of his college, but it was his bounden duty to be able to say that he knew there was none. His duty is the positive knowledge that irregularities do not exist, and not the negative idea of saying he knows of none.

Capt. Holley, in behalf of the team, thanked the College for its loyal support throughout the season. Prof. Carruth commended the fellows upon the spirit shown on the side-lines at

the recent Colgate-Hamilton game. Thomas, next year's captain, expressed the hope that the men in the College would work hard next year to make the team a success. He said that this year the College would lose five good men, and the loss of these men means a great deal to the team. Dr. Davenport was called and spoke for "a larger Hamilton." He said the time to limit the number of students was when the College had all the men it could accommodate. When this is so, it will be easy enough to put a limit to the entering classes. "Davy" reminded us that Hamilton spirit never graduates. The reception which his words received, showed how the student body agreed with his sentiments. Williams, '08, praised the "Scrub" for its efficient work during the season. Prof. Miller commended the manager for his capable work. Manager Pratt, '08, turns over to the treasury this season about one hundred dollars. This is an especially good report, in view of the fact that the Colgate-Hamilton game was not played here. Next year's manager will have about five hundred dollars with which to start the season. Prof. Ward, at the conclusion of the manager's report, made a witty speech. Prof. Sicard delivered a message from Coach Crook. Crook said that he had found Hamilton spirit all that it is by reputation. Prof. Sicard commended the work of the "Scrub." Prof. Sherman gave a rousing talk in urging the men to spread abroad the advantages which we have here at Hamilton.

The Glee Club was present and added much to the evening's pleasure by its snappy singing.

After singing "Carissima" and giving the "long yell" the 1907 smoker broke up as the best yet.

Hamilton Wins Cross-Country Run

The eight mile cross-country race that was run on Tuesday under the auspices of the Utica Y. M. C. A. proved to be a rather one-sided affair in which Hamilton men won the first three places. It also demonstrated the fact that in Capt. Smith, Hamilton has an exceptionally good track man, and together with the fine showings made by Renwick, '10 and Knox, '10, who won second and third places respectively, gives substantial grounds for the prevailing opinion that the Varsity track team for 1908 will be the best ever.

Stube finished sixth in good form and had he not suffered a slight delay caused by the ripping of a shoe his race might have resulted differently.

The contestants and finishes were as follows:

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| 1st. | Capt. Smith, '08 | Hamilton. |
| 2nd. | Renwick, '10 | " |
| 3rd. | Knox, '10 | " |
| 4th. | Hughes | New York Mills. |
| 5th. | Rowe | Utica. |
| 6th. | Stube, '10 | Hamilton. |
| 7th. | Edwards | Utica. |
| 8th. | Eastman | Waterville. |
| 9th. | Lenworthy | " |

The race was started about a half mile north of Clinton and the course took the men to New Hartford, thence down the Oneida St. road to Oneida Square, down Genesee St. to Elizabeth St., where the tape was held. Capt. Smith covered the course in fifty-three minutes flat, which is exceptionally fast time considering the slippery condition of the roads. Especially on the hills the going was bad and time was lost in Higby Lane.

As a result of the race Capt. Smith is now displaying a handsome gold medal.

Summary of Football Season

The football season of 1907 is now two weeks behind us but the pictures of those late struggles still linger fresh in our memory. We find ourselves asking the question—Was it a successful season? We all know Pratt, the genial manager. We knew what he could do and now we know that he did it. At the start, then, we may say that financially the season was a successful one. Now let us review, briefly, the eight games, to determine as to the success of the team from that standpoint.

For two weeks we watched preliminary practice and saw the men rounding into shape. The outcome of the Cazenovia game was anxiously awaited. An overwhelming score in our favor with the entire second team on the field in the second half, made our prospects look bright. The next week the team went to Ithaca and we heard, with a feeling of satisfaction, that the Blue and Buff had held the heavy Cornell team to a low score. Then in a drizzling rain we witnessed another victory when our team decisively defeated St. Lawrence on the Campus. The Lafayette game was an experiment. We had never played them before. We knew they had a strong team and the result was awaited with interest. When the news was flashed over the wire from Easton, Pa. that we had been defeated by a score of 43 to 0, our hearts sank within us. We wondered how such a thing could happen. But when the team returned and told its story and when a few days later we read in "The Lafayette" an account of the game, which had nothing but praise for the plucky defense of a light team playing against great odds and which, in high terms, commended the spirit shown by Hamilton's loyal supporters from the sidelines, we felt better and knew that the team had acquitted itself with honor. The less said about the next game, the one at Rochester, the better. What was considered to be an easy victory was turned to defeat. The team was not in the very best of condition, but that is no excuse. They didn't play

football and Rochester did. This game had its lesson and the next week most of us saw a game which brought forth nothing but applause for our gritty warriors—Syracuse, that team of great renown which weighs a ton, after scoring twenty-two points in the first half, was played to a standstill for twenty minutes, without a score. Then came a week of hard, speedy practice which resulted in a victory over Union in one of the best and most exciting games ever played on the Campus. At last we come to the Colgate game, swift, exciting, close, and beaten again by our rivals. But not before our little fellows had shown the stuff they were made of and had made their opponents fight for every inch of ground.

Eight games—three victories—five defeats but honorable defeats after stubborn fights. We think no one can say that the season of 1907 was not a success. We are proud of every man on the team and every man in the squad. There wasn't a quitter in uniform. In Capt. Holley the men had a splendid leader. Possessed of a thorough knowledge of every department of the game, a cool head, a personality which demanded the confidence of his men, a man who was quick to find weak spots and use them to advantage, a drop-kicker whom opposing teams learned to fear, Capt. Holley takes his place at the head of Hamilton quarterbacks and in the front rank with the quarterbacks of the smaller colleges. We must not close without a word for the coach. "Dick" Crook, of Amherst, deserves to be placed among Hamilton's best coaches. Some of us who know nothing about football, criticized his methods at first but we watched the gradual development of a fighting and successful team and came to realize that we had one of the best of our coaches. Crook was a thorough gentleman, on and off the field, and every man on the team and every man in College is better off for having had a man of his stamp with us. Now cheer leaders, lead a long yell, and get into it hard, for the squad, for Capt. Holley and for Coach Crook.

Among the Colleges

—Harvard University has received and accepted a gift of two thousand acres of timber land in Petersham, Mass. This will be used in connection with Harvard's Department of Forestry.

—A careful estimate by President Schurman, of Cornell, places the number of students enrolled there, including those in the summer schools, at 4,500. The entering class numbers over 1,100.

—As soon as the football season has closed, Antonio Lubo, the Captain of Carlisle's football team, will enter Syracuse University, and Mt. Pleasant, the quarterback, will go to Cornell.

—Swimming has been formally recognized as a college institution at Williams. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the Athletic Association.

—Following the example of some of the leading colleges of the country, the University of Maine has eliminated the study of Greek from the requirements of the B. A. course. Greek is retained as an elective on the same basis as the modern languages.

—To increase the good-fellowship between the underclassmen, the Sophomores of Lehigh recently gave a smoker to the Freshmen. It was held in the Gym. and included wrestling, boxing, and speeches.

—An unusual form of hazing has been adopted by the Sophomores at Nebraska. It consists merely in gathering together the Freshmen in a large room and having a heart-to-heart talk on the evils of ignorance and the value of education. The result of all this was that every Freshman made a perfect recitation, appeared at all college exercises, and cut out the use of tobacco. Rather unusual hazing and unique results.

—The Board of Trustees of Cornell University has voted to raise the requirements for an engineering degree from four to five years with two years of work in the College of Arts and Sciences as preliminary to the technical training.

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NOW THAT THE Football season is over and in the retrospect we are able to analyze the true value of things we cannot help but express a little appreciation of the work the members of the "Scrub" accomplished. Though it cannot be denied that these men derived much good out of the training, both physically and mentally, nevertheless when contrasted with the sacrifice it required, the benefit derived is paltry. To plug along on a gridiron day in and day out, regardless of the elements, to endure every sort and degree of drubbing, to undergo this with never the slightest bit of reward, approximates the ideal in College altruism. And particularly does this apply to those of the men who are upper-classmen: their self-sacrifice was even greater than that of their fellows. They had hardly even the balm of Hope to soften their toil while with the others there was always that possibility of future glory.

However, no pen could ever reward the Scrubs; nor could remuneration ever pay them. Their reward is more

precious than such—it is the reward of a love that is to be purchased through sacrifice only. They have toiled hard and well for Hamilton and their gain—an increased affection for their College is an acquisition we can well envy. But whatever their labor, whatever their reward, they were unquestionably the real "men behind" and formed one of the chief factors of our success on the field.

THE ACTION OF THE football management in securing all the new sweaters and uniforms which have been purchased this year, is worthy of commendation. Hitherto some of the squad have retained possession of their uniforms and thus caused a heavy loss to the management. The Advisory Board, to remedy this difficulty, authorized the purchase of sixteen new uniforms and provided that no uniform should be retained except by payment of the purchase price. Thus the action of the football management in promptly securing these uniforms is worthy of some comment and some little praise. These uniforms are costly and the Athletic Association cannot afford to stand the expense of new sweaters for each succeeding season. It seems to us that the proper action has been taken, both by the Advisory Board and the football management, and as such, deserves the approbation of the College.

LAST YEAR, chiefly through the efforts of Prof. Ward, '02, a department of wrestling was instituted in the College. A manager was appointed, tournaments were arranged for and a mat was given by the Class of 1910. It was provided that the work should be continued and a plan for wrestling matches was instituted. This all worked out very nicely on paper, but interest in it seems to have altogether died away. We would like to see it revived. We think that such an excellent beginning should not be the end, and would like to see more interest taken in wrestling. Now that football is over, it would seem as though we could find time enough for it, and ought not to neglect this new department.

IT IS SELDOM THAT LIFE feels called upon to criticize the actions of Hamilton men outside the bounds of the College proper, but in the following case, the cause justifies such a departure.

The Utica City Library has been in the past of very considerable service to Hamilton students. The librarians have been ready and willing to assist in research work and the privilege of drawing books has been extended to us.

Despite this fact, within the past few weeks, students from Hamilton have deliberately mutilated reference books by cutting out whole articles, thus destroying the books and rendering themselves liable to punishment for misdemeanor.

Unthinking the act could not have been, for the negligent were of the Senior class and old enough to be inexcusable on that ground. LIFE regrets the necessity of admitting that such action was by Hamilton men, and trusts that the undergraduates will not be so shortsighted as to let any similar act happen again. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

THE FOOTBALL SEASON of 1907 is ended. It is not a matter of any great importance whether our team has lost or won the greater number of the games on our schedule, though it is pleasant to win. But it is a matter of vital importance whether, in our encounters with our opponents, we have acquitted ourselves like men.

When we win, we are proud, for the sake of Hamilton; and when we lose, we try still to maintain the reputation for good sportsmanship which is ours unquestionably, wherever a Hamilton team is known.

We require a peculiar quality of courage to maintain our place in intercollegiate athletics, especially in football, as we are plainly outclassed by almost every team we meet. Every year we go to Cornell and Syracuse to encounter almost certain defeat, yet we go, year after year, and play the game as heartily as though we were sure of victory; and it is this ability to take punishment, to lose cheerfully, that has

won for Hamilton men the reputation they enjoy as good losers and clean sportsmen.

The scientific world recognizes the fact that civilization works counter to the laws of Nature, by promoting the survival of the unfit, and education, commonly so-called, works to the same end. But the aim of college athletics is to check the one-sided development of the highly civilized, over-educated classes.

Football has many times been stigmatized as a barbarous, brutal game; but, as Horace Greeley once remarked, "We are in favor of ferocity, judiciously applied." The monastic idea of education has almost disappeared from college life. Lament as we will, the fine atmosphere of seclusion and aloofness which used to surround the educated man; deplore as we must, the inordinate desire to excel in athletics which has led to such scandal in the larger colleges, the fact remains that our work in the world has to do more with men than with books; and intercollegiate athletics are a valuable means of getting together and measuring ourselves with others.

The two greatest rulers in the world today, Roosevelt and William II, are ardent advocates of the all-round development of the individual; they are hard workers and hard players, and are both young men at fifty. Cecil Rhodes, a man whose ability and intelligence were far from being appreciated during his life, also strongly advocated this principle; and it is to be hoped that we are far from giving up our place in athletics, in spite of the disadvantages under which we rest.

And, though we may lose many games, we proudly believe that there is not a man among us who has lost, either his own self-respect or the esteem of his antagonists, in the season just ended.

Dr. Davenport Lectures

Before a highly appreciative audience at the Auditorium in Utica, Tuesday evening, Dr. Davenport delivered the first of his series of university extension lectures on "The Rail-

way as a Political Problem" under the auspices of the New Century Club. The topic of the lecture Tuesday night was "The Development of the Railway in the United States." Concerning the lecture the Utica Press says: "Dr. Davenport was heard with intelligent interest. He treats his hearers as an educational class and invites questions and discussions. He handles the matter in a way that makes it entertaining as well as instructing."

In his next lecture, Nov. 26, Dr. Davenport will consider "The Financing of the Railways."

Basketball.

Basketball practice has begun in earnest, with Prof. Sicard acting as coach. Although it is rather early to make any predictions concerning the team yet only one man, Capt. Kuolt, has been lost by graduation, and there seems to be plenty of material at hand, including some men from the Freshman class who are showing up well.

The following men are trying out for the different positions.

Forwards	Center	Guards
Conklin	Bate	Capt. Smith
Roenke	Wilson	Marriott
Allen	Sherwin	Hopkins
Gardner	Wilder	H. P. Osborn
Getman	Sherwood	Glover
Nixon		Sidle
Flagler		Volovic

Press Club Meeting

A meeting of the Press Club was held in Utica last Monday evening at the home of Geo. E. Dunham, Editor of the Utica Press. Mr. Dunham, in his talk, outlined a new plan for Press Club activity, which consists in writing articles upon the work in college of individuals for publication in their home papers. In small towns especially, where probably 90 per cent. of the population is personally acquainted with the man, special interest would thus be aroused in the college back of the man. This plan, although purely experimental, seems to be a good one, and should be given full trial.

Notice

The Glee and Instrumental Clubs will report at Frey's this afternoon at 3:30 sharp for the annual photograph.

Football Election

Last Friday afternoon Harrison Cook Thomas, '09, of Utica, N. Y., was elected Varsity football captain for the season of 1908. He played during his high school course on the Utica Free Academy team. He made his "H" in Sophomore year, playing sub-centre and guard. This year he started out as substitute, but soon was placed on the Varsity as the regular guard.

Thomas played a fast, heady game all this year, both on the defensive and offensive. For a small man, he held heavy opponents like Thompson, Cornell, and Caddigan, Syracuse, in excellent shape, often breaking through the defense for tackles behind the line.

Under his generalship, the team of 1908 ought to be one of the most successful of our football history.

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COLLEGE NOTES

— Bristol, ex-'10, has decided to re-enter College in the Class of 1911.

— Allen has been elected captain and Gardner manager of the Freshman basketball team.

— The interclass debate will be held the second week of winter term. The class teams are to be elected next week.

— The repairs, which have been in progress to the interior of the Psi U. House since last June, have finally been completed and the fraternity housed in its new quarters. The new living room extends the width of the main floor and the addition which has been built in the rear contains a commodious dining room and several sleeping rooms. The arrangement of rooms has been materially altered and the whole house has been thoroughly renovated and redecorated.

Musical Clubs' Concert

The initial Glee and Instrumental Club Concert will be given Dec. 2nd, a week from Monday, in the New Century Auditorium in Utica. The Auditorium is located at the corner of Genesee and Hopper streets. The concert will begin at 8:00 sharp. The quartette will consist of Prof. Sicard, Simmons and White, '08, and Hastings, '10, and the soloists, Hastings and Sarles, '10. The management wishes to impress the fact that this first concert needs the enthusiastic and substantial support of the entire College body. Tickets may be had from Soper, '08, and are on sale at King's in Clinton, and at Sullivan & Slauson's, Wicks & Greenman's, and Evans' Drug Store, Oneida Sq. As there will probably be no concert in Clinton this year, this opportunity to see the clubs should not be missed.

ALUMNIANA

'69. Henry Harper Benedict has been announced as the donor of a \$30,000 hospital to Ilion.

'78. Bristol was on the Hill Tuesday.

'85. The death of F. J. Swift occurred recently at his home in New York City. He was buried at Ilion.

'99. The Brooklyn Eagle thus refers to the triumphant re-election of Hon. W. I. Lee: "In the 18th Assembly District, Warren I. Lee, who anticipated Gov. Hughes' veto of the bill to raise the salaries of women school teachers, unequally by himself voting against the bill, is returned to the Assembly by a lead of 3,500 over his opponent. This is a larger majority than Mr. Lee had before."

'01. The wedding of Miss Edith King and Warren McLaughlin took place recently in Buffalo.

'02. Tennant was on the Hill recently.

'03. President and Mrs. Stryker have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Alida to Elihu Root, jr., on Saturday, December 7th., at 12 o'clock at the President's residence.

'04. Born, at Carthage, Nov. 7,

1907, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Strickland, a son, who has been named Edmund Collier.

'05. The engagement of Miss Florence Scofield, of Johnstown, to Edward McIntyre has been announced.

'06. Heacock was on the Hill last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Conklin Mann, Nov. 16, a son.

Hosmer, has purchased and is now running "The Cayuga County Independent."

'07. Fitch was on the Hill Sunday.

Schwartz has recently been advanced to the position of Superintendent of the roofing department of the Utica branch of the Barber Asphalt Company.

Junior Prom.

The Junior Prom. Committee has met and elected Truax chairman, and H. P. Osborn treasurer. The committee is composed of Truax, Rudd, Sabine, A. S. Evans, Kneeland, H. P. Osborn, Fisk, Worden and Bullion.

Sophomore Hop

Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. J. S. Sherman, and Mrs. Carruth are to be the patronesses at the Sophomore Hop to be given Dec. 2nd., in conjunction with the initial concert of the Musical Clubs. The advance cards will be out Tuesday. Tickets for the Hop are to be \$1.50.

D. T. Active

The first gathering of the D. T. Club was held at Alpha Delta Phi Hall, Wednesday evening, Titus and McAneny, '10, entertaining. After playing bridge and pool, and incidentally enjoying a fine lunch, a meeting of the "Dreizehn" was held, in which various business matters were discussed. The festivities closed with the D. T. yell — and a gym show.

— The standing in the Freshman LIFE competition is as follows: Mitchell, Sidle, Gouge, Anibal, Parry, Flagler, Riley, Martin, Day, Westcott, Willard.

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